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- FM: Frederick J. Balbozi, Jt. Director of Government Relations Schwartz Communications
- DA: February 11, 2003
- RE: Presidential Remarks for Memorial Service on February 19, 2003

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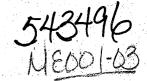
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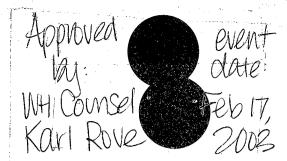
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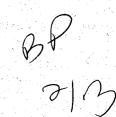
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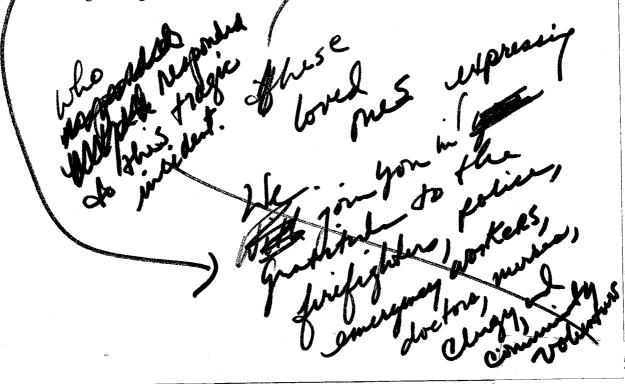
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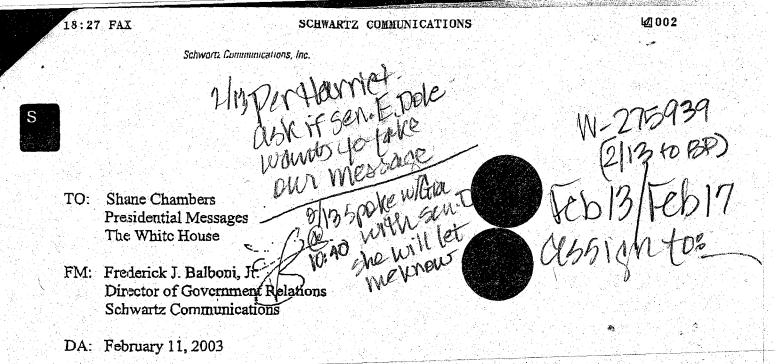
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West has 17 manufacturing facilities worldwide. In the U.S., there are four in Pennsylvania (Montgomery, Jersey Shore, Williamsport and Lititz), one in North Carolina, two in Florida and one in Nebraska. The remaining plants exist in global West locations. The plants that conduct the same work as the Kinston Plant are the following: Kearney, Nebraska; St. Petersburg, Florida; Lionville, Pennsylvania; and Lititz, Pennsylvania.

As discussed on our call, I will be the contact for this event.

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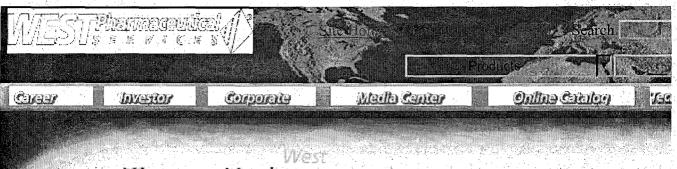
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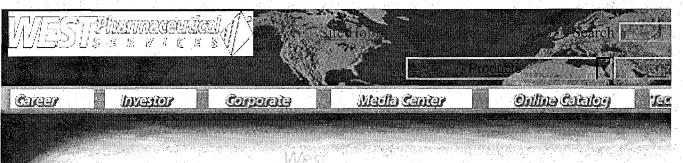
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West Pharmaceutical Services Provides Update on Assessment of Manufacturing Capabilities

Lionville, PA, February 11, 2003- West Pharmaceutical Services, 1 recovery and manufacturing plans in reference to the explosion that (North Carolina. The severely damaged building houses the Automati materials are compounded into rubber formulations for molding into molding and finishing area, where finished components are produced molding operation, the ACS compounded rubber materials for distril

Recovery efforts at the site are well underway. Substantially all of th been removed and are being shipped to customers subject to quality tools has been recovered and, based on a preliminary assessment, ap been shipped to other West facilities in Florida, Nebraska, Singapore subject to cleaning and further evaluation to determine suitability for within the next two to four weeks.

To accommodate the loss of the ACS facility, some rubber compoun Petersburg, Florida and Kearney, Nebraska operations, with other ca operations to support mold tooling moved to those venues. In additic re-qualified for support as needed.

"The responsiveness of our recovery and logistics teams has produce and a better understanding of our near-term customer needs," said D Officer and President of West. "This information will allow us to pri to assure continuity of supply to our customers. At this point, we bel compounding and molding production can be incorporated into our c early May.

"We hope to be able to rebuild in Kinston and we are accelerating of Morel.

West is increasing production at its other facilities around the world plant. West is also in the process of relocating some of the many skil facilities on a temporary basis. Transfers will begin next week as emcurrent and anticipated manufacturing needs.

"I'm proud of the effort and dedication shown by our employees in re-Kinston situation," said Dr. Morel, "and we continue to be heartened employees worldwide, by our customers, shareholders and the Kinsto-

About West Pharmaceutical Services

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West Pharmaceutical Services Provides Update on Kinston Plan

Lionville, PA, February 4, 2003- West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc progress that has been achieved in an effort to understand and addres occurred on January 29 in one of the two buildings at its plant on Ro

The severely damaged building hosts the Automated Compounding ' mixed into formulations for molding into medical device component finished components are produced. The ACS area was most severely presumed to be a total loss at this time. Although West's access to th initial visual observations by West personnel suggest that damage to appears that a substantial part of the machinery, tooling and finished

The ACS at the Kinston plant is the largest of West's five U.S. rubbe worldwide. To ensure the continued availability of critical healthcare previously handled by the Kinston ACS will be shifted to alternate V working with its customers and the Food and Drug Administration to finishing operations to other facilities in order to minimize interrupti

"We are encouraged by the progress of the work thus far, in collabor production plans," said Don Morel, West's President and Chief Exec by the condition of the equipment and tooling in the molding and fin our manufacturing and engineering personnel and technical consulta evaluating the damage first-hand. While it is still too early to estimat assessment is that the situation is much more manageable than we fin detailed assessment.

"It is obviously critical that any work we do in the damaged site can environmental authorities to ensure that this is the case," Morel cont into what happened and we will continue to cooperate with the ongo Departments of Labor and Natural Resources, The United States Che Protection Agency, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms au Wednesday's events."

West Pharmaceutical Services Provides Update on Plant Explosi

LIONVILLE, Penn.--Jan. 30, 2003--Don Morel, President and Chie Services, Inc. (NYSE: WST) provides the following update on the ey yesterday at its pharmaceutical rubber manufacturing plant on Rouse employs 255 people and is used by West to manufacture syringe plu compounds rubber materials for use in West facilities throughout the U.S. rubber compounding facilities, and one of ten worldwide.

"The worldwide West family sends its thoughts and prayers to the vi their families and loved ones," Morel said. "We deeply appreciate th people far and wide, and the continuing efforts of the rescue and reco helping those in need, restoring safety to the area and working with f root cause of this situation."

Injury Toll

"To date, our understanding is that three employees have been confining in critical condition. We are in continuing contact with area hospital learn more."

Victim and Family Support

"I have personally had the opportunity to meet with members of the victims at area hospitals during the day. West has grief counselors of counseling. We are meeting with all Kinston employees today regard them from the company, as well as alternative employment possibilitiare also in the process of identifying what might be available in the f

Cause of Explosion

"We do not know the cause of the explosion at this time. We are wor officials in an effort to determine the cause of this incident and will 1 facts. This is a process that could take days or longer."

Impact on West business

"Clearly, the Kinston plant itself is not currently operational. Howev catastrophe, our operations and manufacturing teams worldwide are utilize alternate manufacturing facilities and to minimize any possibl In addition, trading of West stock on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday's temporary suspension."

West Pharmaceutical Services Comments on Plant Explosion

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unknown origin has occurred today at its manufacturing plant on Ro facility employs 255 people and is used to manufacture syringe plun delivery systems and compounds rubber materials for distribution to

According to Don Morel, President and Chief Executive Officer, We stunned by the news of this incident at our Kinston facility. Our over safety of our employees, their loved ones and the surrounding comm information and will issue a more comprehensive statement when we

After speaking with West officials today, the New York Stock Exchastock. No information on the reopening of trading is currently availa Based at West's international headquarters in Lionville, Pennsylvaniare traveling immediately to the Kinston facility to guide West's contact of the Kinston facility to guide West's

About West Pharmaceutical Services

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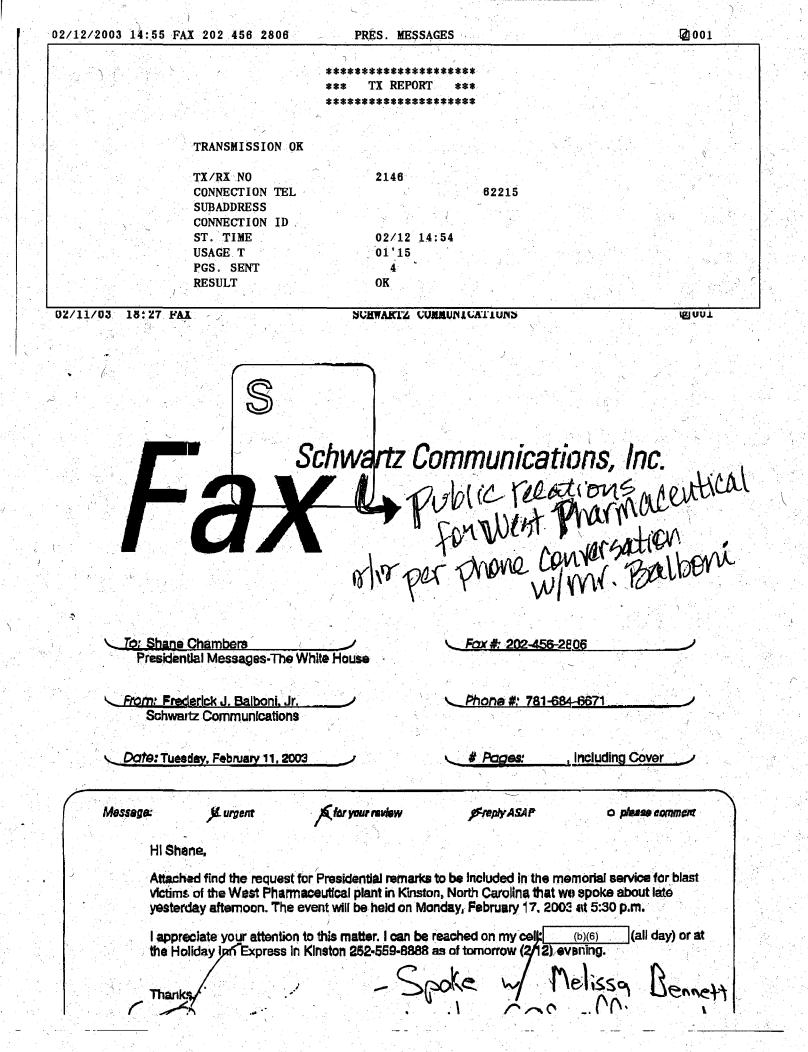
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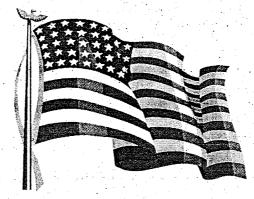
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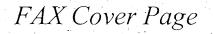
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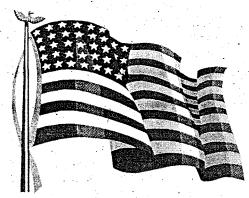
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